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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

25 By this amendment, applicant has amended Claims 1,9, 21,22,23,25, and 26 and added
new Claims 27 to 30.

REMARKS

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The amendments in the encoder Claims 1 and 22 and in the decoder Claims 23 and 25 are
based on the fourth paragraph of page 6 of the application as originally filed, in which it is
outlined that it is the inventive finding that the raster already proposed must be fashioned or
occupied in a way that permits efficient coding/decoding, as well as error tolerant cod-
35 ing/decoding. In particular, reference is made to the fifth paragraph of page 6 of the appli-
cation as originally filed, in which it is outlined that priority code words are placed at raster
points.

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Inventive devices are, therefore, fully defined by means of the steps of determining a
raster, defining priority code words, and positioning the priority code words as defined in the
amended claims.

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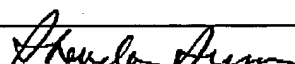
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